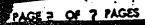
PAGE 1

4.5 (C)

DENIED IN FULL

DOCUMENT DATED 07 July 73

APPROVED FOR RELEASED JUN 1 1 1999



1.5 (C)

SECRET

FOLLOWING THE UNCOORDINATED AND ABORTIVE UPRISING BY THE ARMY'S SECOND ARMORED BATTALION ON 29 JUNE. THE MAIN ARMED FORCES PLOTTING GROUP, HEADED BY ARMY AND AIR FORCE GENERALS AND NAVY

ADMIRALS. SET 7 JULY 1973 AS THE TARGET DATE FOR A COUP DIETAT.

ARHY PLOTTERS CANNOT ASSURE THE OTHER SERVICES THAT IT CAN FULFILL

HOWEVER, THE COUP WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON THIS DATE, SINCE THE

ITS ROLE OF TAKING OVER THE CITY OF SANTIAGO.

SECKET

THERE IS NO FIXED DATE FOR THE NEXT COUP DIETAT ATTEMPT.

BUT THE PLOTTING OFFICERS ARE TRYING TO MAKE THE NECESSARY

PREPARATIONS FOR A MOVE WITHIN THE MEXT WEEK OR SO. FLAG RANK

OFFICERS OF ALL THREE SERVICES ARE MEETING REGULARLY FOR THIS

PURPOSE. ADMIRAL ISHAEL H U E P T A. DIRECTOR OF NAVY

INSTRUCTION. HAS. AS A RESULT OF THE ABORTIVE UPRISING ON 29

JUNE, NOW BECOME AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE MAIN PLOTTING

GROUP. PRIOR TO 29 JUNE, HE WAS AWARE OF THE PLOTTING AND APPROVED

OF IT, BUT HE WAS BASICALLY ON THE SIDELINES IN TERMS OF PLANNING.

COMMENT: HERTA IS HIGHLY RESPECTED WITHIN THE NAVAL

INSTITUTION. HE IS REGARDED AS AN INTELLIGENT AND EXTREMELY

CAPABLE OFFICER.)

3. EXCEPT FOR THE DECISION BY HUERTA TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PLOTTING ACTIVITIES. THE OTHER POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE 29 JUNE AFFAIR WAS THAT THE CARABINERDS (NATIONAL UNIFORMED POLICE) DID NOT MOVE AGAINST THE ARMORED BATTALION. WHILE THE GUARD AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE DID NOT SURRENDER AS WAS REQUESTED BY LT. COLONEL ROBERTO SOUPER, COMMANDER OF THE ARMORED BATTALION, THE PLOTTING OFFICERS FEEL THIS WAS DUE TO A TACTICAL ERROR ON SOUPER'S PART; I.S., HE SHOULD HAVE ASKED THE

SECRET

(disers controls)

PAGE 4 OF 7 PAGES

SECRET

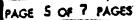
GUARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT RATHER THAN THEIR SURRENDER.

- 4. INSOFAR AS THE MILITARY CONSPIRATORS ARE CONCERNED. THE
- A. IT HAS DEPRIVED THEM OF THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES ARE ALERT AND ARE ACTIVELY PREPARING FOR SIMILAR ACTIONS OF THIS NATURE IN THE FUTURE.
- B. IT HAS STRENGTHENED GENERAL CARLOS PRATS, ARMY COMMANDER
- C. IT HAS CAUSED DISILLUSIONMENT WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE ARMED FORCES BECAUSE MILITARY LEADERS DID NOT MOVE TO SUPPORT THE SECOND ARMORED BATTALION. COMMENT: THIS HAS HAD THE SAME EFFECT ON THE OPPOSITION AS A WHOLE.)
- BELIEVED THEY COULD COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE "BUIN" INFANTRY
 REGIMENT, THE "TACHA" ARTILLERY REGIMENT, AND THE NON-COMMISSIONED
 OFFICERS SCHOOL, IN ADDITION OF COURSE TO THE ARMORED BATTALION.

SECRET

.

•



SECPET

THEY WERE AWARE THAT THEY COULD NOT COUNT ON THE INFANTRY ! THE EVENTS OF 29 JUNE, HOHEVER, DEHONSTRATED HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR A REGIMENTAL COMMANDER TO DISREGARD HILITARY DISCIPLINE, AND THE ARMY CHAIN OF COMMAND. GENERAL PRATS. GENERAL MARIO : S'E'P U L V E D A. HAND GENERAL CARLOS P I C K E R I N G. ALL OF WHOM ARE PRO-GOVERNMENT, DIRECTLY ASSUMED, COMMAND OF THE. UNITS IN ORDER TO PUT DOWN THE UPRISING. A KEY PROBLEM FOR THE MILITARY PLOTTERS IS NOW HOW TO OVERCOME THIS VERTICAL COMMAND IMPEDIMENT. ONE WAY WOULD BE FOR THE PLOTTING ARMY GENERALS TO MEET WITH GENERAL PRATS, ADVISE HIM HE NO LONGER ENJOYED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND, AND THUS REMOVE HIM. THE PLOTTERS CHOICE TO REPLACE PRATS. AT THE TIME A COUP D'ETAT IS TO BE ATTEMPTED, IS GENERAL MANUEL. TO RRES, COMMANDER OF THE FIFTH ARMY DIVISION, AND THE THIRD RANKING ARMY GENERAL. THE PLOTTERS DO NOT REGARD GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET. WHO IS THE SECOND MOST SENIOR OFFICER IN THE ARMY, AS A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR PRATS UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS.

DNO IMMINENT HOVE BY THE

1.5 (C)

SECRET

idlesem controls

SECKET

PLOTTING GROUP IS FORESEEN. NONETHELESS, TENSIONS WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES ARE NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE ... SUBSIDED SINCE THE EPISODE OF 29 JUNE. THE ARMED FORCES ARE AWARE OF AND ARE CONCERNED BY REPORTS THAT THE POPULAR UNITY (UP) FORCES ARE DISTRIBUTING WEAPONS TO THEIR SUPPORTERS. ALSO, THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THUS FAR THAT PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE INTENDS TO ATTEMPT TO HOLLIFY THE ARHED FORCES BY ADOPTING SOME OF THE MEASURES THEY RECOMMENDED TO HIM DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE ENTRY OF THE HILITARY TO THE CABINET.

THE CHILEAN 5 (C) ARMY FEELS THAT ALLENDE HAS A TACIT CONNITHENT TO COMPLY WITH SOME OF THESE MEASURES. GIVEN THE CURRENT POLITICAL/MILITARY AMBIENCE IN CHILE. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT-SOME MILITARY MOVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT COULD DEVELOP IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PROMPTED BY UNFORESEEN EVENTS.).....

1.5 (c).

SECRET

DENY IN TOTO

PAGE 7

1.5 (C)